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LACK OF FOOD.

Gloomy Stories from the Klondike Region.

People at Dawson City Refuse to Go to Fort Yukon.

They Do not Think Supplies are Plentiful There.

Miners Announce That Provisions Must be Divided, but Capt. Constantine Interferes—Promising Locations—Very Cold Weather.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.] SKAGWAY (Alaska), Dec. 27.—[Wire from Seattle, Wash., Dec. 26.] John Lindsay of Olympia, Wash., who has just arrived from Dawson City, says that there will surely be starvation there this winter. He examined into the food situation in a thorough manner, he says, and after satisfying himself that there would be starvation, he sold his outfit, and in company with Frank Ballaine of Olympia, Tom Story of Victoria and Bob Glynn of Seattle, started out on foot, each man drawing a sled carrying about one hundred and forty pounds of provisions. Lindsay says the Dawson people believe that there is no great amount of food at Fort Yukon, and has been alleged to remain open long enough to enable food supplies to have been brought from Fort Yukon had there been any there.

The people of Dawson, believing that there were not ample food supplies at Fort Yukon, refused to go there, preferring to remain at Dawson, and not more than 300 or 400 people took advantage of the transportation company's offer to take the people to Fort Yukon free of charge.

When the miners at Dawson found that no more provisions would reach town by the river route, they announced that a meeting would be held to take steps for apportioning the provisions in the town. Those who had plenty, they said, must share with those who had none. Capt. Constantine of the Northwest mounted police interfered and told the miners that no such thing would be permitted. The meeting was not held.

Coal oil sold for \$1.50 per gallon, and candles as high as \$1.50 per box of 100. Even if men were able to work their claims they cannot get light to do so.

These statements are borne out by all returning Klondikers, quite a number of whom have reached here the past week. Few of them, however, take as gloomy a view of the situation as does Lindsay. Dr. A. L. Bradley of Roseburg, Ore., says that food is scarce, but he does not think there will be actual starvation. Neither does W. B. King of Merced, Cal., P. J. Holland of Seattle, Thomas Story of Victoria, or Robert Glynn of Seattle, all of whom reached here this week from Dawson, the most of them having left there on November 2.

As an instance of the scarcity of food in Dawson, Lindsay relates the case of Dr. Van Sant, formerly of Spokane, who arrived here on a steamer, and being without provisions or money, he offered a gold watch for a sack of flour. He could not get it, and he remained in the city, saying: "God only knows how I am to keep body and soul together."

Lindsay says 200 or more miners are prospecting at the mouth of Stewart River, but as yet nothing is known as to what success they have had. Henderson Creek, five miles below Stewart River, and forty miles from Dawson, is a promising stream, and it is being developed this winter.

The weather about the Stewart and Big Salmon rivers has been bitterly cold, and the miners are suffering at Maj. Welsh's camp, twelve miles below the Big Salmon on November 17. The Yukon River between Dawson and Fort Pelly froze completely over on November 10. The river is piled full of ice in great ridges as high as an ordinary house, and a roadway will have to be cut through it before the steam horse teams can operate upon it. The outlook, therefore, for taking supplies down to Dawson in the immediate future is not bright.

Inspector of Mines, McGregor left here a week ago with a number of dog teams and horses to make the attempt to reach Dawson with about twenty tons of provisions, but nothing has since been heard of him.

ANOTHER VERSION. [ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.] SEATTLE (Wash.), Dec. 26.—Among the passengers on the steamer Rosalie, which arrived here from Skagway and Dyea, Alaska, were six men, who recently left Dawson City bringing advices up to November 2. The men were Frank Ballaine, John Lindsay, Tom Story, R. G. Winn, W. B. King and J. P. Holland. Conflicting statements as to the food situation in Dawson are made by these men. Lindsay asserts with great positiveness that what already exists at Dawson, and that unless food is taken into the camp from the coast, men will suffer from hunger.

Between Pelly River and Dyea, the party passed hundreds of camps where snow and ice-bound Klondikers have camped for the winter. Many of them were well-equipped with provisions, and by paying \$2 per pound it was possible for them to procure flour and other necessities.

Five fingers the Yukon is a frozen mass of ice boulders, running as

high as twelve feet, and blocking the cañon from wall to wall, making travel difficult. This, it is asserted, will have to be cut through by any government or other relief expedition that expects to reach Dawson from the coast, and the belief expressed by Ballaine was that this could be practically accomplished almost any effort put forth by the government at Washington to relieve the American miners in the Klondike.

Reports from Skagway and Dyea brought down by the Rosalie are to the effect that swindlers operating under the guise of Canadian customs officials are fleeing the newcomers at Lake Linderman, demanding payment for duty, and giving a printed receipt.

CANADIAN ENCROACHMENTS. May Result in Closing Sub-ports of Dyea and Skagway. [BY DIRECT WIRE TO THE TIMES.] WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—[Exclusive Dispatch.] The Pacific Coast Congressmen are preparing to insist upon a rigid examination into the facts concerning the alleged encroachments upon American territory by Canadian customs officials, and the enforced collection of duties where the owners mine and shipping supplies on the American side of the border.

The story of the illegal acts by Canadian officials, coming so soon after the friendly declarations of this government and the determination to send relief to the men starving in British territory, will strengthen the demand for closing the sub-ports of Dyea and Skagway. Western Congressmen, it is understood, will call for a special investigation of the situation.

Collector Ivey, who is now on the coast, may be asked to communicate the facts to headquarters.

A RECEIVER'S HANDS. [ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.] PORTLAND (Ore.), Dec. 26.—By the steamer City of Topeka, which arrived today from Juneau, it is learned that the Newell Gold Mining Company and Berner's Bay Mining and Milling Company have passed into the hands of a receiver. The receiver is E. F. Caspell of Juneau, formerly of Seattle.

Thomas L. Newell was president and manager of the companies, which have been in operation since 1888, and which embraced more property than any one corporation in Alaska. Besides the Newell mine and Berner's Bay mine, the company owns large interests on Douglas Island and 160 acres of placer mines in the Silver Bow Basin. The heaviest stockholders in the company are eastern men. No statement of liabilities and assets has yet been made.

Forty-eight thousand dollars in bullion from the Treadwell Mining Company was brought down by the City of Topeka, and transferred here for San Francisco.

CANADIAN MINISTERS. [ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.] OTTAWA (Ont.), Dec. 26.—Hon. Clifton Sifton, Minister of the Interior, and J. A. McKenna of the Interior Department, left today for Washington. Sifton goes on the invitation of Secretary of War Alger to discuss the best means of sending relief to the miners in the Yukon district. He expects to be in Washington about a week.

RACE FOR LIFE.

BRITISH STEAMER LAMBERT'S POINT TAKES FIRE AT SEA.

Puts in at St. Johns after a Terrible Voyage—Her Cargo Cotton, Cattle and General Goods. Captain Admits the Peril Was Extreme.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.] ST. JOHNS (N. F.), Dec. 26.—The British steamer Lambert's Point, Capt. Humphreys, seven days from Norfolk, Va., for Liverpool with cattle, cotton, grain and a general cargo has arrived here with her cotton on fire and the ship in a bad state.

On Friday afternoon the fire was discovered in the compartment amidships. It gained headway rapidly. Holes were cut in the cabin flooring, pipes inserted and the compartment flooded with water. The captain headed the vessel for this port, and for forty hours nobody rested, all hands battling the fire, which steadily gained. It then became necessary to flood the fore compartment, which gave the ship a list of 11 deg. to the starboard.

She met terrible weather in trying to reach here. Her sides and deck were almost unbearable with heat, and the provisions were spoiled by steam and smoke. The paint is now peeling off her sides, and the fire is spreading to the cattle, almost maddened with heat.

Capt. Humphreys admits that he could not have controlled the fire twenty-four hours longer. Holes are being cut in her sides to admit more steam, and the fire is being subdued by Tuesday. Nearly the entire cargo was damaged.

PUBLIC SPIRITED. Death of Charles Harrison Who Believed in Improvements. [ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.] LONDON, Dec. 26.—[By Atlantic Cable.] Charles Harrison, Radical member of Parliament for Plymouth since 1885, is dead.

Charles Harrison was born August 1, 1855, and was educated at Kings College, London. He succeeded Sir John Hutton as vice-chairman of the London County Council when Sir John succeeded Lord Rosebery as chairman of that body. In the first and second councils he was chairman of the Parkways Committee, and became known prominently as the father of the modern application of the principle of betterment by public improvements. By profession he was a solicitor.

Frederick Harrison, the well-known essayist and president of the London Postivist Committee, is his brother.

Upset by Their Dog. ELMIRA (N. Y.), Dec. 26.—Rudolph Boericke, aged 33 years, son of Dr. Boericke of Philadelphia, and his brother Edward of Chicago were rowing on Keuka Lake, three miles from Hammondsport, Christmas night, when the boat was upset by their dog. Both men were taken from the water alive, but Rudolph died immediately after he was brought to shore.

CULLOM LOSES

The President Insists on Nominating Paxson.

Latter Barred by Law from Accepting the Place.

Delicate Questions Growing Out of His Affiliations.

The Ex-Judge's Connection with the Reading Railroad Said to Make Him Ineligible for the Place of Interstate Commissioner.

[BY DIRECT WIRE TO THE TIMES.] WASHINGTON (D. C.), Dec. 26.—[Exclusive Dispatch.] The President has committed himself to the appointment of former Judge Paxson, receiver of the Reading Railroad, to be Interstate Commerce Commissioner. A definite tender of the position and a formal acceptance have been exchanged. The protests of Senator Cullom, remonstrances of leading representatives of labor organizations and advice of political friends against the appointment will avail nothing. The nomination must be sent to the Senate, and the President's promise thus fulfilled.

In addition to all other objections made against Paxson, the important question of eligibility has now been raised. Paxson is already barred by law from holding a position, and if he should resign his receivership prior to his nomination, the appointment would clearly be a violation of the spirit if not the letter of the law, which precludes persons holding official relations with any common carrier subject to the provisions of the Interstate Commerce Act or owning stocks or bonds thereof, from holding a seat on the commission. Paxson, as receiver of the Reading road undoubtedly comes within this prohibition.

Still another feature of the case will be brought before the Senate. As receiver of the Reading road, he joined the famous trunk-line pool. The Interstate Commerce Commission unanimously declared this combination illegal. Suit for injunction was begun by the direction of the commission. The case is now pending in the Supreme Court of the United States, being set for hearing in January. Paxson, as receiver of the Reading approved the agreement of the Joint Traffic Association and is now one of the parties defendant to the pending suit. If appointed Interstate Commerce Commissioner he will be placed in the singular position of prosecuting himself.

PHOCION.

FATAL WEDDING TRIP.

Newly-married Couple Spilled by a Freight Train.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.] NOBLESVILLE (Ind.), Dec. 26.—A fatal accident occurred at Terhune, a small town northwest of this city, last night. Mr. and Mrs. John Moore and Miss Clara Brattain were returning from a Christmas entertainment, when a north-bound freight train on the Monon line struck their carriage. Miss Brattain's skull was fractured and she died at midnight. Mrs. Moore cannot recover. Moore was slightly injured. Mr. and Mrs. Moore were married Thursday, and this was the first time they had been away from home together.

MORE ANNEXATION.

President McKinley Still Insists on Disappointing Conservatives. [ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.] LONDON, Dec. 26.—[By Atlantic Cable.] A dispatch from Copenhagen to the Daily Mail says the Washington executive has made overtures to Denmark for the sale of a narrow, but carefully-defined stretch of land in North-western Greenland, where the Americans intend to establish naval and coaling stations.

DANISH WEST INDIES. [ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.] LONDON, Dec. 27.—The Daily Chronicle this morning ridicules the notion that England is negotiating for the purchase of the Danish West Indies. It says: "Quite apart from the breach it would make in our relations with the United States, the purchase of more West Indian Islands is the very last thing England would think of."

FOLLOWED HER FRIEND.

MISS ANNIE VIRGINIA WELLES OF WASHINGTON KILLS HERSELF.

Daughter of a Well-known Attorney and Much Attached to Miss Herbert—Shook Caused by the Latter's Death Brought on Melancholia—Shoots Herself Through the Heart.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.] WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—The recent tragic death of Miss Lella Herbert, the daughter of the ex-Secretary of the Navy, is given as the reason for the suicide which occurred today of Miss Annie Virginia Wells, an accomplished young society woman and a daughter of Lewis S. Wells, a well-known attorney. The young woman shot herself through the heart with her brother's revolver at the residence of her father, No. 1311 N. street, North Washington.

Miss Wells had met Miss Herbert a number of times, and was much attached to her. She herself had been confined to the house for four months by illness, and this, combined with the shock caused by the death of her friend, brought on melancholia, which resulted in suicide.

The deed was apparently entirely unpremeditated, and coming immediately after Christmas festivities in the house, completely prostrated her aged mother. Miss Wells was 33 years of age, and very beautiful.

Prominent Mason Dead.

CHARLESTON (W. Va.), Dec. 26.—O. S. Long, Clerk of the Supreme Court, and Lieutenant Grand Commander of the Scottish Rite Masonry for the southern jurisdiction of the United States, died here tonight of dysentery, after a short illness.

Ex-Consul Allen Dead.

WORCESTER (Mass.), Dec. 26.—James W. Allen of the banking firm of Winslow & Allen died in this city of pneumonia, aged 37 years. He was United States Consul at Zanzibar from 1892 to 1895.

Victoria to Reduce Duties.

MELBOURNE, Dec. 26.—The Victoria duties on woolen and silk materials, wearing apparel and woolen goods will be reduced 5 per cent. after February 1 next.

Points of the News in Today's Times.

SUMMARY.
General Associated Press night report, received since dark yesterday... 93
Exclusive Times dispatches (night), received since dark yesterday... 5
The whole equivalent to about 12 columns.

The City—Pages 5, 6, 7, 8, 10.
Heavy flow of salt water in the eastern part of the oil field. Finals in the coursing match at Agricultural Park. Bicycle road run. Services at the churches. Records allowed by the L. A. W. Proposed revision of football rules. Santa Ana baseball team defeated by the Echoes. Southern California—Page 9.
Riverside's murdered man again identified. Peculiar real estate transaction in Redlands. Monrovia's increased orange crop. Chino talks of incorporating. Azusa will ship only first-class fruit. Christmas sports at Santa Barbara. Christmas services in Pasadena's churches. Santa Monica's case not grow.

At Large—Pages 1, 2.
Dispatches were also received from Rockville Ind.; Chicago, New York, Washington, Nassau, New Providence, Sandy Hook, N. Y.; London, Franklin, Pa., and other places.
By Cable—Pages 1, 2.
Comte le Mercier, senior member of the French Chamber of Deputies, dead. Victoria, Australia, to reduce duties. President McKinley said to have approached Denmark for the purchase of land in Greenland for coaling stations. New South Wales sends frozen meat to Russia. The Spanish newspapers getting bellicose. Attack on Minister Woodford's note. Seventeen British ships off Chemulpo. Korea—Thirty Japanese cruisers ready to back them up against Russia. Russian railway to Port Arthur. China to lease Kiaochow to Germany. Mother and nine children burned to death. Japanese Diet dissolved.

HERE'S A RUB

Seventeen British Ships Off Chemulpo.

Off Chemulpo.

Thirty Japanese Cruisers Ready to Back Them Up.

A British Official Removed to Place a Russian.

Elements of a Problem Which May be Worked Out to the Accomplishment of Booming Cannon. Report That English Landed.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.] LONDON, Dec. 26.—[By Atlantic Cable.] A special dispatch from Shanghai says: "It is reported that seventeen British warships are off Chemulpo, Korea, southwest of Seoul, supporting the British Consul's protest, really amounting to an ultimatum against the King practically siding the government of Korea into the hands of the Russian Minister."

"The protest is specially directed against the dismissal of McLevy Brown, British adviser to the Korean customs, in favor of the Russian nominee. The news has produced consternation at Seoul, which is heightened by the knowledge that Japan has a fleet of thirty warships awaiting the result of the British representation, which Japan fully supports. Japan is irritated by the arrival of Russian troops in Korea, and it is believed she will oppose them."

"According to advices from Tokio, Japan has offered to assist the officers at Peking in drilling the Korean army, and to consent to a postponement of the war indemnity. Many of the officers and Peking officials favor the proposal."

"According to a dispatch to the Daily Mail from Shanghai, 'It is reported there from reliable sources that a British force landed at Chemulpo Saturday, and caused the reinstatement of McLevy Brown. The same dispatch says: "A rumor is current that the Union Jack has been hoisted on an island in the mouth of the River Yang-Tsing."

"The Peking correspondent of the Times says: "The government refuses to place the likin under foreign control as security for the loan proposed by the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, and asserts that unless the loan is procurable without this condition, arrangements will be made for a Russian guaranteed 4 per cent. loan of 100,000,000 taels, to be issued at 92 net. "The security will be the land tax, which would remain under Chinese administration. China in return would give Russia a monopoly of the railroads and mines north of the great wall; open a port as a terminal of a railway (the Transiberian), and would agree that a Russian should succeed Sir Robert Hart" as director of the Chinese imperial maritime customs. If these conditions should be permitted, British trade interests would suffer severely."

"The Shanghai correspondent of the Times says: "The sloop Phoenix sailed today (Sunday) under orders to join the British squadron. The utmost secrecy is preserved with regard to the latter's movements but gossip here suggests that its destination is Tientsin."

RAILWAY TO PORT ARTHUR.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.] ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 26.—It is asserted that the newly-formed Russo-Korean Bank will organize a company to extend a railway to Port Arthur. The Russian vice-president of the Eastern Chinese Railway will start for Manchuria in February to inspect proposed variations of the route, and to make a final decision as to other matters.

WILL LEASE KIAOCHAU.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.] BERLIN, Dec. 26.—An inspired Chinese organ published here says the Chinese Emperor, in order to avoid the reproach of having lost territory, will lease Kiaochau to Germany in perpetuity at a low rate with all the right of sovereignty that England exercises at Hongkong.

ITO FOR PREMIER.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.] YOKOHAMA, Dec. 26.—Count Matsukata, the Premier and Admiral Marquis Saigo Tsugumichi, Minister of Marine, have resigned. It is probable that Marquis Ito will be the new Premier.

FROZEN MEAT FOR RUSSIA.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.] MELBOURNE, Dec. 26.—The government of New South Wales is arranging to supply frozen meat to the Russian authorities at Vladivostok.

LOST HER TOW.

Barge Canister Adrift Somewhere Off Cape Cod, Mass. [ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.] BOSTON, Dec. 26.—Capt. C. B. Sanford, Capt. Pierce, while coming around Cape Cod Saturday night, towing the barges Naysug and Canister, lost the latter-named barge, and up to last hour tonight nothing had been heard of the missing vessel. The accident was caused, so Capt. Pierce says, by a large four-masted schooner passing between the two barges, cutting the hawser and setting the Canister adrift. The tug was unable to find the drifting barge, so Capt. Pierce decided to tow the Naysug across the bay to Boston light, where she was anchored, and the Sanford then returned in search of the Canister.

All day yesterday the tug steamed about in the vicinity of where she parted from the missing craft, but to no avail, and when a drift shot in the Sanford returned to Boston. After taking on a fresh supply of coal, she will resume the search. The Canister is commanded by Capt. Rauech of Hoboken; has a cargo of 1000 tons of coal and carries a crew of four men.

CUT HIMSELF OPEN.

LOWELL MAXWELL WANTED TO BE RID OF A HELL.

With the razor which the Sheriff Gave Him to Shave Himself He Slashed His Abdomen.

CASE PRONOUNCED HOPELESS.

HAD GIVEN UP THE MONEY WHICH HE TOOK.

Murder at Olympia—Railroad Employee Elmer and Lewis His Family Destitute—Chilean Woodchopper Buried.

(BY DIRECT WIRE TO THE TIMES.)

QUINCY, Dec. 26.—[Exclusive Dispatch.] In jail this morning occurred one of the most horrible tragedies known here for years. Lowell Maxwell had been convicted of burglary in the first degree for entering the express office last October, taking the express box out and robbing it of \$300. He also had been convicted of burglary in the first degree for entering a hotel at Humboldt Valley and taking a suit of clothes. For the two offenses Judge McLaughlin was to pass sentence Monday, the 27th inst.

This morning Sheriff Brandford gave Maxwell his breakfast. The prisoner then said he wanted to shave himself. Not suspecting any rash act, Sheriff Brandford gave him a mug and a razor. Maxwell said he wanted a bath, and requested the Sheriff to get more water. When the officer stepped out after the water the prisoner cried out to C. J. Lee and F. G. Paul, who were talking in the Sheriff's office, and said: "Good-by, boys; good-by, boys." When Lee stepped to the door, there stood Maxwell with a frightful cut across his abdomen, below the navel, and his intestines protruding.

After this the prisoner said he wanted to get rid of this hell on earth, and he heaped imprecations upon those who had brought about his conviction. Dr. Spohrer was called, but he pronounced the case hopeless. Dr. McChesney, the county physician, dressed the wounds in the afternoon, but thinks that Maxwell will die before morning. Not only had the razor cut a six-inch gash in the abdomen, but the intestines had been cut in four places, one nearly in two. He has a father and mother and numerous other relatives here, who are sorely distressed by his crimes and this deed.

Friday, through the efforts of Sheriff Brandford and his counsel Maxwell consented to restore the treasure on condition that he should have \$400 of the \$500 reward. Handcuffed and shackled, Maxwell accompanied the officers to the hiding place and the treasure was recovered.

Maxwell's criminal career began about twelve years ago, when he killed a man named Rabe, a desperate character, in a saloon row. For this he served seven years at Folsom. Fear of going back to Folsom more than anything else, he refused to have anything else to do with the law, and caused his attempted suicide. The robbery, trial and conviction of Maxwell upon circumstantial evidence, his subsequent confession and the restoration of the treasure, followed by his tragic deed this morning, have kept the community in a feverish state of excitement.

PLENTY OF CHRISTIES.

Rev. Dr. Geoghegan Thinks He Has Known a Few Himself.

(BY DIRECT WIRE TO THE TIMES.)

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 26.—[Exclusive Dispatch.] Rev. Dr. Geoghegan, the new pastor of the First Unitarian Church of Berkeley, created a sensation in the college town today by a sermon, the purport of which was to give the Unitarian idea of Jesus Christ. In his discourse the preacher said that vast numbers of men had attained a degree of righteousness equal to that possessed by Christ.

Dr. Geoghegan, for his text Luke 11, 7, "He shall find a babe weaned in swaddling clothes lying in a manger." After pointing out that there was nothing mythical about this declaration, he proceeded to trace Christ's history, showing that as a child Jesus was treated like other children, and was a man among men.

"In point of fidelity and devotion to principle," continued Dr. Geoghegan, "thousands, almost millions of men have been as good as Christ. They were not men who had the religious opportunity Christ had, and were not a religious teacher he was, but in uprightness they followed him. I should feel very sorry and disappointed if, in my experience, I had not met men who were just as good as Christ, and possessed His Christ-like qualities."

"Christ is supreme as an ideal man, not as a humanized God. He holds the position of one of the greatest of religious teachers, greater than Confucius and Buddha. This quality, coupled with His admirable personality, is the reason for commemorating His birth."

BRITISH NAVAL REINFORCEMENTS.

Cruiser Leander and Torpedo Destroyer Virago Bound North.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.)

SAN DIEGO, Dec. 26.—The British cruiser Leander, accompanied by the torpedo-destroyer Virago, arrived in port today en route to Esquimaut. The two warships left Portsmouth, Eng., last August, traveling at an average speed of 12 knots. They called at the principal ports of South America, including Valparaiso, Coquimbo and Callao on this side. Aqueduct was the only Mexican port visited. On the way up the coast the United States coast defense vessel Monterey was seen at Magdalena Bay, having arrived just as the British vessels were leaving Mazatlan.

The Leander is a second-class cruiser of 4200 tons, with a speed of 15 knots. Virago is one of several torpedo-destroyers built last year. She is reputed to have a speed of 30 knots. The two vessels will coal and on Wednesday will leave for Esquimaut, calling at San Francisco on the way up.

The cruiser Phastor, with the destroyer Sparrowhawk, are expected to arrive here within two weeks. The Phastor and Leander are sister ships, and so are the Sparrowhawk and Virago. With these vessels added to the Esquimaut squadron, Great Britain will have one of the

strongest fleets in the Pacific Ocean, and the strongest, by far, that has ever assembled in the North Pacific.

FRIGHTENED TO DEATH.

Mary Costello Drops Dead When She Met Her Young Man.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.)

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 26.—A Japanese known as George Taughl fired four shots at Mary Costello, a Spanish woman in the lodging-house at No. 801 Sacramento street, this afternoon. Not one of the bullets struck the intended victim of the desperate Oriental, whose act was prompted by jealousy, rage, yet she dropped dead, and her body is now at the morgue. It bears on sign of a wound, and the physicians say that death was caused by heart failure induced by extreme excitement.

About a year ago Taughl opened an employment agency and engaged Miss Costello as an assistant. By promising marriage he induced her to live with him. Recently she left the place where he had resided. After making many threats to kill her on sight the Japanese met her today and accomplished his murderous design, though in an unexpected and sensational manner. Immediately after the shooting he fled from the place and up to a late hour tonight had not been found by the police.

Mary Costello, the victim, came to the city from Watsonville, Santa Cruz county.

POSTMASTER STRUCK DOWN.

Unknown Robber Deal a Murderous Blow at Tomales.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.)

TOMALES, Dec. 26.—Postmaster M. L. Schuster, who is also station agent at this point for the North Pacific Coast Railway, was attacked this evening by a lone highwayman, robbed and left in a dying condition.

The robbery was committed at 6:30 o'clock, at which time every evening Schuster is accustomed to lock the station, which is also the postoffice. He had gone but a few feet from the door when he was struck a stunning blow from behind. He fell, and had not recovered consciousness some minutes later when one of the railway section hands found him lying in a pool of his own blood.

He was relieved of a gold watch and chain and \$50 in money. The robber, whose identity is unknown, has not been captured.

DRINK OR DRUBBING?

Michael Field is Found Dead After a Family Jar.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.)

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 26.—When Michael Field's son went upstairs this evening to call him to supper, he found his father lying on the floor with a quilt over him and his coat under his head. He did not think anything strange of this, however, as Field had been drinking. But when the boy undertook to arouse him he found his father dead.

On Saturday Field got on a spree, and his spirits were so high that he concluded to whip his wife in lieu of other amusements. The children feared their mother, and Field was pretty well thumped. Then he drank more, and today went home to sleep in his efforts to get rid of the liquor or from the beating he had received, or from both, remains to be determined.

EATEN BY FLAMES.

Drunkard Woodchopper Falls with a Lighted Lamp.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.)

SAN JOSE, Dec. 26.—As the result of a Christmas debauch, Lagora Molina, a Chilean wood-chopper, met a terrible death.

Molina, who was employed on a ranch near Los Gatos, drank deeply last evening, and with three fellow-workers caressed in his cabin until far into the night. After three members of the quartette had fallen to the floor in a drunken stupor, Molina took a lighted lamp and went out into the yard. He stumbled and the lamp exploded, and the burning oil ignited his clothing. Being unable to arise, he lay there and burned to death.

No one saw the accident, and Molina's friends were not shown until this morning, when his body, with the chest and lower limbs blackened and charred by flames, was found a short distance from his cabin.

FAMILY LEFT DESTITUTE.

James Gilman Abandons His Wife and Children to Elms.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.)

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 26.—The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children today investigated a case just called to its attention, and found that several days ago James Gilman, a railroad employe, had abandoned his family and left the city in company with the wife of a neighbor named James Rayman. He left his wife and three children so absolutely destitute that their Christmas dinner consisted of three crackers. He had so long neglected them for the Rayman woman that the house was destitute of furniture, except three old chairs.

Yesterday vagrants and tramps and other good things were distributed among the poor, but the case of Mrs. Gilman and her children had not been reported. Mrs. Rayman has three children, but their father is able to support them.

A LOGGING-MAN'S CRIME.

Jack Cronin Murders Tony Ferrardi in an Olympia Saloon.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.)

OLYMPIA (Wash.), Dec. 26.—Jack Cronin, a driver in the McDonald logging camp, shot and killed Tony Ferrardi in a saloon tonight. Three shots were fired by Cronin, either one of which would have been fatal. After the shooting Cronin walked into the barroom, laid his revolver on the bar and expressed his willingness to give himself up. The shooting was the result of previous trouble. Both were more or less intoxicated.

Just before the shots were fired, Ferrardi was talking to a man in the back room of the saloon when Cronin entered and addressed the Italian, saying: "Have you got the money?" and receiving a negative reply, commenced shooting.

Caught a Beaver.

SAN DIEGO, Dec. 26.—The police have under arrest a young man who gives the name of Charles Beaver, who is suspected of having been the man who assaulted women last evening.

Mrs. Dr. Hooker believes that he is the man who attempted to snatch her nurse, Mrs. M. L. Markham, from the old lady who was knocked down and badly injured, has not seen the man, but will be given a chance to identify him tomorrow.

Pioneer Sampson Smith Dead.

NAPA, Dec. 26.—Sampson Smith, a pioneer of California, is dead. He crossed the plains in 1849 and, after mining for two years, made his home in Suisun, afterward removing to Napa county, where he resided for seventeen years. He served as County Treasurer and Supervisor of Solano county. He was a native of Ohio, aged 77 years.

and was highly esteemed in this section of the State, being prominent in Democratic politics.

Fears for His Wife.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 26.—Justo Patrejo, who resides at No. 111 Filbert street, reported to the police today that his young wife, Mrs. Kate Patrejo, had been missing from his home since Friday morning. He fears that she has taken her own life. Her reason has been unbalanced since over a year ago, and she has more than once been taken before the Insanity Commissioners on this account.

Boy Shot by Accident.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 26.—Harry Mackey, 14 years old, living at No. 8 Minnesota street, was accidentally shot this afternoon by Charles Fitzpatrick, 15 years old. The accident occurred at the foot of Sixteenth street. Fitzpatrick was hunting ducks with a rifle of small caliber, and the boy, who was walking along the railroad track, was hit in the breast. He may recover.

Pharmacy Cashier Sandbagged.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 26.—At an early hour this morning, F. A. Taylor, cashier in Baxter & Oestling's pharmacy, No. 953 Market street, was dragged, sandwiched and held up by footpads at the intersection of Market and Taylor streets. He reported his experience to the police, after having been treated in the City Receiving Hospital for his injuries.

Carriage for a Big Gun.

SAN DIEGO, Dec. 26.—The first mounted on the defenses of this harbor, arrived today from Hamilton, O. It will be assembled as soon as the cement in the emplacement wherein it is to be mounted has become thoroughly hardened.

Was Once a Cook.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 26.—The body of the man picked up off Howard street last Saturday morning was identified by Peter Barrie today, a sea cook, living at No. 625 Merchant street, who was named Clark, who four years ago was employed as a cook on the steam schooner Del Norte.

Victim of Mashed Meats.

PORTLAND (Or.), Dec. 26.—A special to the Oregonian from Gem, Idaho, says Foreman Whitney of the "Prisco mine, who was shot by masked men Friday night, died in the hospital here this morning. There have been no arrests made.

Wagon Ran Over Him.

CARSON (Nev.), Dec. 26.—Millon Pritchard was run over by a loaded wagon near Pine Grove Friday evening and was very seriously injured. He fell from the wagon when asleep, and the wheels passed over his body. His recovery is doubtful.

San Diego Pioneer Dead.

SAN DIEGO, Dec. 26.—Joseph S. Manasse, who came to San Diego in 1854, died today, aged 66 years. He had been a prominent citizen, and was formerly wealthy. He was a native of Prussia.

Tapped Everything in Sight.

RENO (Nev.), Dec. 26.—An unknown masked man snatched the bill of the Steamboat Springs Hotel last night, and robbed the loungers about the place. He secured very little booty, and his escape without being identified.

Capitalist's Heart Trouble Fatal.

SAN JOSE, Dec. 26.—S. A. Hofstad, a well-known capitalist of this city, died here today, after a brief illness due to heart trouble.

Trolley-car Ran Wild.

Rush Down Olney-street Hill Brings the Car up with a Crash at the Corner of a Frame Building.

Only Two of the Passengers and the Conductor Injured.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.)

PROVIDENCE (R. I.), Dec. 26.—At noon today a Camp-street electric car ran wild and rushed down Olney-street hill with the speed of an express train. It struck and crushed a man, and ran into the corner of a frame building. The impact of the collision was so great that some of the heavy ironwork on the car was doubled up, and the corner post of the building, which acted as a buffer for the runaway car, was badly splintered. That the occupants of the car escaped with their lives is a rare thing. There were about ten passengers in the car at the time, besides the motorman and conductor. The injured were taken to the hospital.

MRS SARAH MALUFSKI, crushed and bruised in the abdomen and head cut.

CONDUCTOR I. F. MOTT, shoulder dislocated and bruised about the upper part of the body.

CHARLES HOLMES, bruised about the leg.

One of the most surprising things was the escape of the motorman, Louis E. Morrow, who stuck to his post.

PEARY ENTHUSIASTIC.

The Arctic Explorer Met with Kind Treatment Abroad.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—A dispatch to the World from Washington says: "Lieut. Robert E. Peary, the Arctic explorer who returned from England on the St. Paul, immediately upon his arrival in New York took the train for Washington. Lieut. Peary when seen by a reporter tonight was enthusiastic over his reception in England and the gift to him by Alfred C. Harmsworth, the wealthy Englishman, of the Windward, a fine ship, which the explorer will use in his trip to the Arctic regions next year. Harmsworth also furnished funds for the expedition."

Lieut. Peary said the Windward was better than any ship he had seen, and he would start north the latter part of July. Lieut. Peary started for New York tonight to finish work on his narrative, which is in the publisher's hands."

BLOODY "SNOWBALL."

The Sclon of a Wild African Kills Two Misses.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.)

GLENDORA (Miss.), Dec. 26.—It is just learned that on Christmas day at the plantation of Mrs. J. W. Glendon, Talmer, three miles from Glendora, a negro named Joe Hopkins, alias "Snowball," murdered John W. Luckie and Sam Eskridge, two prominent white farmers, and robbed the store of a small amount.

The negro brained Luckie with a shotgun, then fired two barrels into the body of Eskridge. Searching parties have been organized, and the country is being scoured, and it is thought he will in all probability be lynched.

Mrs. Hallington Beeth.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Mrs. Hallington Beeth was said at the Presbyterian Hospital, late tonight, to be dying quietly, and to be somewhat better.

(REPORTING RECORD.)

TOSSED BY THE BULL.

TOMAS MAZZALINI ESCAPES DEATH BY A SCRATCH.

Last of a Series of Fights at the City of Mexico and Seven Thousand People Attend.

TEN HORSES ARE KILLED.

BILL BRYAN DESCENDS UPON THE GUADALAJARA PEOPLE.

Baseball at Coast Points—President Charles Byrne of the Brooklyn Baseball Club was unconscious for several hours yesterday, and during the remainder of the time he was semi-conscious. The physicians, however, believe that his condition shows a slight improvement over that of yesterday. He passed a quiet night.

Marksmen Had Revenge.

SAN JOSE, Dec. 26.—The baseball team of the Oakland City Gun Club and Garden City Wheelmen played their second match game today. This time the marksmen had revenge for the defeat they suffered in the first game. Score, Gun Club, 18; Wheelmen, 6.

The Sphere at Grass Valley.

GRASS VALLEY, Dec. 26.—The Valley team of Suisun were defeated by the Monarchs today by a score of 5 to 2. Yesterday Suisun's football team defeated the Columbus team of this city by a score of 18 to 6.

Pitcher Durrett Shot.

ROCKVILLE (Ind.), Dec. 26.—Isaac Durrett was shot and mortally wounded at a dance here last night. His assailant is unknown. Durrett pitched for the Washington (Ind.) Baseball Club the past season.

Couraging at Sacramento.

SACRAMENTO, December 26.—The weather today was like that of spring and the courting drew a good crowd. Glenbrook won first money, Mission Boy second, Electricity third, and E. V. D. fourth.

Kenny-Armstrong Fight Off.

NEW YORK, December 26.—Tom O'Rourke, manager for the Long Island City Athletic Club, announced that the Yack Kenny-Armstrong fight scheduled for March 30, at the club, is off.

Ball at San Bernardino.

SAN BERNARDINO, Dec. 26.—San Bernardino defeated Redlands today in a game of baseball by a score of 18 to 2. The attendance was light on account of the north wind.

SON'S HORRIBLE FIND.

THE BODIES OF HIS MURDERED PARENTS AWAITED HIM.

Harry New Steps to Pay a Christmas Call—His Home Spattered with Blood and His Mother and Father Cold in Death—Had Been Shot by an Unknown Assassin.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.)

INDIANA (Pa.), Dec. 26.—Milton New and his wife were shot to death by unknown assassins at their home near Jacksonville, nine miles southwest of here, some time during the night. The bodies were found at 9 o'clock that night by their son Harry, who was passing through and stopped to pay a Christmas call on his parents. New was one of the most prominent and prosperous farmers in the vicinity in which he lived. Officers are today scouring the country for the murderer, but as yet he has not been found.

When young New tried to enter his parents' home he found the doors locked. He forced his way in through the cellar, and on entering the sitting-room a horrible sight met him. In a chair near the window lay the form of his mother, her face entirely blown away. At her feet was all that remained of her husband, and a ghastly hole in the side of his head told the tale of his murder. At his side lay a double-barreled shotgun, the implement of death. All the walls, ceilings and articles of furniture in the room were spattered with blood, and on the ceiling was a good-sized dent in which was imbedded a piece of the woman's skull. For a time there was a suspicion of suicide, but as the facts in the case developed, the murder theory gained strength.

The woman was killed with bird-shot and the husband with buck-shot. There were no marks of powder on his face, something which, it is said, would have been impossible to avoid had he committed suicide with the shotgun.

There is nothing to indicate that the crime was committed for plunder, as in New's pocket was a ten-dollar bill, and a twenty-dollar bill lay on the top of a dresser. The friends say they have a clew on which they will at once begin working to trace down the murderer.

KERSEY IS OUT.

Is Succeeded by Another as the White Star Agent.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—H. Maitland Kersey, who for the last five years has been the White Star Line steamship company in this city, has, according to a report today, actually severed his connection with that company.

He sailed for Europe Saturday, one day after the arrival in this city from London of J. Bruce Ismay, son of Mr. Ismay of the firm of Ismay, Imre & Co., general agents of the line. Young Ismay was the predecessor of Kersey in the New York office. Just why Kersey is out is not known. Prior to sailing, he declined to discuss the matter, and Ismay said he would have nothing to say until tomorrow.

Carnegie's Aunt Dead.

PITTSBURGH (Pa.), Dec. 26.—Mrs. Catherine Morrison Hogan, only aunt of Andrew Carnegie, died this morning, the result of a stroke of paralysis. She has been in a semi-conscious state since December 10. Mrs. Hogan was born in Dumfrieshire, Scotland, 38 years ago, and had been in this country fifty-seven years. Her remains will be privately cremated Tuesday.

Two Children Burned.

FRANKLIN (Pa.), Dec. 26.—Grace and Annie Mason, whose parents live near here, were left alone in their home last evening. The former fell into the grate fire and her clothing ignited. She was burned to death. Annie was also badly burned, and it is believed she cannot recover.

The committee having charge of the Henry George memorial fund at New York has been another appeal for subscriptions. In its report it stated that \$1500 had been subscribed, but that this is in no way adequate for the erection of a memorial such as was proposed.

MILLIONS IN CLAIMS.

MADRID REPORTS A DEMAND BY THIS COUNTRY.

Secretary Sherman and Assistant Secretary Day Both Deny Any Knowledge of It.

SPANISH LEGATION DENIES IT.

DOES NOT THINK THE SUMS WOULD BE LIMPED.

Cruiser Montgomery and Revenue Cutter Searching for Filibusters. Gen. Blanco Gives a Banquet. Spanish Newspapers.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Secretary of State Sherman was seen tonight regarding a story cabled from Madrid to the effect that the United States had demanded of Spain \$3,000,000 indemnity to American traders for damages sustained through the rebellion in Cuba. The Secretary stated that if any such demand had been made he had not heard of it.

Judge Day, Assistant Secretary of State, said: "So far as I know, there is absolutely nothing in the story. Some one may have attempted to foot up the individual claims that have been filed, but even on that supposition I should not attempt to say their estimate was correct."

At the Spanish legation it was said that no information had been received of any such action. The legation has heretofore been notified of the filing of all individual claims, but it was thought improbable that any claim in bulk would be made.

BLANCO'S BANQUET.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.)

HAVANA, Dec. 26.—Tonight Capt. Gen. Blanco gave a banquet to the officers of the German corvette Stein. Forty guests were present, including the Spanish admiral, the Mayor of Havana and other naval and civil authorities. Congressman William Henry King of Utah has arrived here.

SEARCHING FOR FILIBUSTERS.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.)

YACONVILLE (Pa.), Dec. 26.—A special to the Times from the Children from Punta Gorda states that the cruiser Montgomery and cutters Forward and Molane arrived in Charlotte Harbor this morning in search of a filibustering expedition that was reported to be about to set sail for Cuba. Vessels in port were searched, but nothing of a contraband nature was found.

GOT HER CORNERED.

Revenue Cutter Seward and a Cruiser Watch a Pilot-boat.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.)

MOBILE (Ala.), Dec. 26.—If pilot-boat Somers N. Smith of Pensacola gets out of this port with a filibustering expedition, she will have to run over the cutter Seward in the river, and a cruiser off the bar. The Smith was here in August last, was docked and blacked out, had a speed wheel put in, and also took off the figure head. She was then ordered to go to sea at night, bound, and afterward said, to Cuba with eighty men on board and a lot of arms and ammunition.

No trace of this expedition was found, however, and William Bazelle, commander of the Pensacola Pilots' Association, presumably the leader of the expedition, denied emphatically that the Smith was in the filibustering business. Two weeks ago the tug reappeared in Pensacola, and was ordered to leave the harbor, the papers there saying the cruiser Montgomery was on watch over her. The papers also said the Smith was looking for the cutter Seward. The Mobile docks were too busy to take her. Nevertheless she arrived here Thursday, and went on the Mobile ways at the foot of Augusta street, where she was painted. The manager of the ways says the paint on her does not need renewing, and is just as good as when put on four months ago. She is said to have

been followed as far as this port by the cruiser Montgomery. Telegraphic orders were sent for her to leave Mobile last night and the collector was notified to be on the lookout for filibusters.

United States Marshal Simmons went on board the tug today and had the boat searched, but nothing was found on board. Bazelle, who is with the Smith, says there is no intention of filibustering, and that his is merely here for repairs. The cutter Seward dropped down the river this afternoon and came to anchor just opposite the left from the marine ways, and lies there with steam up and keeping an eye on the Smith. Persons from the lower bay report that a cruiser has been on the bar for the past twenty-four hours.

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STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING.
THE REGULAR ANNUAL MEETING of the stockholders of the California Bank will be held at the office of the bank, corner of Second and Broadway, Los Angeles, Cal., on Tuesday, January 11th, 1898, at 3 p.m., for the election of directors for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.
J. G. Secretary, Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 20, 1897.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
stockholders of the Los Angeles Cemetery Association, a corporation, for the election of directors and officers for the ensuing year, and for such other business as shall come before the meeting, will be held at the office of said association, 121 West Colorado street, in the city of Los Angeles, in Los Angeles county, state of California, at 2 o'clock, on the 24th day of January, 1898, at 3:15 o'clock, p.m. All stockholders and members of the association are entitled to vote at said meeting.
R. K. WOOD, Secretary, Dec. 21, 1897.

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Dynamic Forces.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18, 1897.—Dr. R. H. Johnson, a colored physician, says that the race problem in the South will be settled according to natural laws unless something is done, and done soon, to save the negro from the results of the vicious and neglect of elementary hygienic laws. From figures gathered by Dr. Johnson in the study of the vital statistics of nearly 300 towns in the Southern States, it is found that the death rate or negroes is double that of whites in the same communities, and not only this, but the birth rate is smaller among the colored than among the white population. Furthermore, the day of the stalwart negro is passing, if not already gone, and the young generation make a poor showing as regards size and physical constitution when compared with their grandfathers and grandmothers. Dr. Johnson attributes this degeneracy of his race to the carelessness, want of foresight, and dissipation so unfortunately characteristic of a large portion of the colored population in the South since the civil war. In ante-bellum days the negro was immune against consumption; enforced temperance living and sanitary precautions made him a giant; but the giants are disappearing, and their place is being taken by a race of smaller stature and decreased vitality. The consideration of this problem in other countries seems to indicate that the collection of the negro attains his best physical and mental standard only when under guidance and judicious control. When left to himself, he degenerates, and around racial degeneration. The negroes of the days before the abolition of slavery in the West Indies were a magnificent race. Today their descendants are comparatively puny and susceptible to disease; shiftless and averse to any labor beyond that of raising just enough "provisions" to feed them through the year, and to beacco enough to smoke all day in the shade of their plantation trees.

Dr. WONG HIM, 321 South Hope st., Los Angeles, Cal., writes to the benefit of others I wish to make statement of my case. I was afflicted with ulceration of the rectum and hemorrhoids. I was treated by two good doctors until I lost 25 pounds of flesh and became so weak from loss of blood that I was unable to attend to business. I then commenced doctoring with Dr. Wong Him. Bleeding stopped and commenced to improve with the first dose of medicine, and at the end of four months I had regained my lost flesh and health, and am today well and sound. In Dr. Wong Him's honesty, integrity and ability to cure any disease that he says he can cure I have unbounded confidence and faith, and would recommend him to all who need a doctor. Your truly,
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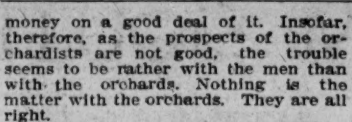
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IN SOME States it has long been a criminal offense for persons coming in contact with contagious diseases to borrow books from circulating libraries. Families in which persons are suffering from measles, scarlatina or other contagious diseases are prone to fly to the circulating library in order to borrow books to amuse the patients. The microbes and bacilli from

the sick person find a place between the pages of the books and can live for weeks, making their deadly presence known only when some person who subsequently peruses the pages is stricken with the same disease. At the great New York library every book returned will in future be subjected to a process of sterilization and disinfection that will free it from all disease-bearing powers. This disinfecting medium will be the vapor of formalin. Each book will be placed in a double-walled box of iron, the inner wall of which is perforated. In this box are shelves on which the books are laid, the perforations at the bottom admitting the formalin vapor. The books are allowed to remain in this box for a period of two hours, at the end of which time not a trace of living organisms can be discovered.

WHAT IS GOING ON IN ELECTRICITY.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29, 1897.—Many of the United States Army posts, especially those near Indian reservations, have yet to rely on the telegraph as the only means of rapid communication with the outer world. These military lines of telegraph are usually built along routes of trails over which few men except the Indian freighter and occasionally officials of the government. The country thus traversed is mostly desert or prairie plains, and forest-covered mountain passes. In both the prairie or forest fires would destroy poles of wood, which also, in the desert, would be tempting food for the camping freighter. To provide against such contingencies, the supports for the military lines are of tubular iron. These iron poles are both lighter and less bulky than wooden ones, and are easily transported on wagons, and "made" along trails up mountain passes. But as the diameter of the poles is only two and one-half inches, the task of climbing them, when they are attached to a cross piece that passed through a hole in the pole, about four feet from the top, serving as a foot rest, is a difficult one. Several men are often most trying of accomplishment. Among the devices tried by the military engineers to reach the top of a pole, a ladder, or by a ladder, and moreover, they offered an irresistible temptation to the half-wild Indian, who, when the festive cowboy, to test his skill with the lariat, and the strength of his horse in heading the pole. Capt. W. C. Glasford, of the military engineers, fell to the soldiers building and repairing, was often most trying of accomplishment. 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City Briefs.

Do not waste your cast-off clothing or throw away wholesome food which you cannot use. If you have any articles of clothing which you do not need, no matter if badly worn or the amount small, it will help to keep warm those who have no money to buy new. Send your address to Capt. J. A. Frazier, No. 122 West Sixth street, and any article of clothing or wholesome food which you may have will be promptly called for and carefully distributed among poor families of the city. An opportunity is here offered for the well-to-do to materially assist the unfortunate without impoverishing themselves.

The midwinter number of The Times, to be issued next Saturday, January 1, will contain from 50 to 100 pages of carefully-written, handsomely-illustrated matter. A circulation of 100,000 or more is guaranteed. Advertisers, large and small, who have anything to say to eastern people can obtain publicity at a bargain in this issue of The Times. Advertising rates furnished on application. All advertising copy must be in Thursday night.

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There are undelivered telegrams at the Western Union telegraph office for Louie Rich, Mrs. John Murphy, H. M. Henderson, Mrs. H. G. Matheson and M. L. Odell.

Benjamin F. Hilliker, who was a musician in Co. A, Eighth Wisconsin Infantry, received on Christmas day from Washington a bronze medal awarded to him by Congress for gallantry in a battle near Mechanicsburg, Miss., June 4, 1862.

PERSONALS.

J. P. Reese of Siao, Mex., is at the Nadeau.

L. Hatch of China is at the Van Nuys.

Ex-State Senator David L. Whittingham is registered at the Van Nuys.

S. F. Zombro, cashier San Bernardino National Bank, is staying at the Nadeau.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Horan, son and daughter of San Francisco are at the Van Nuys.

Mrs. H. M. Henderson and son of Chicago have just arrived from the East, and are at the Nadeau.

Richard English, general master mechanic for the Santa Fe Railroad Company, with headquarters in Albuquerque, N. M., is in town for a brief visit.

F. O. Putney and J. P. Lindsay of Denver and Chicago, respectively, have just returned from San Diego and Coronado, where they have been spending a few days, and are registered at the Westminster.

Local pugilist injured.

"Kid" O'Brien, a local pugilist, applied at the Receiving Hospital shortly before 4 o'clock yesterday morning for medical treatment for a leg and arm somewhat damaged, but no bones were broken. O'Brien explained that he had attended the Bowery ball and averred that some unknown party had pushed him down stairs. The bruises on his arm were dressed and the "Kid" sent home.

Hotel arrivals.

VAN NUYS. Louis James and wife, Kansas City; A. C. Kennedy, New York; E. Grossbaum, Los Angeles; C. H. Lyons and wife, Oakland; L. Hatch, China; Cal. David Whittingham, San Diego; Mr. and Miss Morton French, San Francisco; H. F. Farley, Corona; Fred Thorpe, Azusa; Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Horan, Miss Blanche Horan, Darnell Joran, San Francisco; A. T. Hayne, Berkeley; W. J. Bailey, San Diego.

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Athlete John Cosgrave Dead.

ALBANY (N. Y.) Dec. 26.—John Cosgrave, a well-known athlete, died in the City Hospital today after an operation for appendicitis. He was a member of the New Jersey Athletic Club, the Ridgeville Athletic Club and the Tenth Battalion of the National Guard. Cosgrave won the all-around championship of America in 1885, and finished second at Clark of Boston in this year's competition. Cosgrave's work has always been of the highest order, and in all-around work on the field and track he had few superiors.

DEATH RECORD.

DILMAS.—On December 26, at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Edward Mallin, Mrs. Arthemias Dilmas, aged 79 years.

Funeral will be held from the parlors of Robert Sharp, Armory Hall Building, Tuesday, at 2 p.m. San Francisco papers please copy.

COLLINS.—In this city, December 26, 1897, Cornelius Collins, native of Brandon, County Cork, Ireland, aged 68 years.

Funeral from parlors of Orr & Hines, No. 427 South Broadway, at 2:30 a.m. Tuesday, December 28; thence to the Church of Our Lady of the Angels, where services will be held, commencing at 10 o'clock. Friends and acquaintances invited. Interment New Calvary Cemetery.

BIRTH RECORD.

BAKES.—December 25, 1897, to Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Sakes, a daughter.

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THE LOCAL OIL FIELD.

SALT WATER UNCOVERED IN EASTERN EXTENSION.

Shipments to San Francisco not necessary to maintain prices. Odds and Ends Are Being Picked Up—A Little Activity at the West End.

The week just closed has witnessed some surprising developments in the eastern extension. Last Friday Nettleton & Kellerman uncovered salt water in one of their new wells in the Cottage Home tract in such volume that 400 feet of water flowed into the drill hole within a short time. The first sand was penetrated at a depth of 250 feet. Drilling operations were continued in the hope of having a second sand, which is known to exist in portions of the old field and western extension. This desire to uncover "second sand" was accentuated by the fact that little oil was developed in the first sand. At a depth of 800 feet the flow of salt water mentioned was encountered in such volume as to cause the suspension of further drilling, and lead to the abandonment of the site. The casing will be left in the well and several hundred feet of packing will be run in for the purpose of shutting off the water and protecting that section of the oil field from serious damage by flooding. The uncovering of salt water effectively annuls the second sand prospect in the eastern extension, and sounds a note of warning to exploiters in that portion of the district. This salt water exists in such volume as to make impossible the exhaustion of the flow, as is often done in cases of apparently heavier flow of fresh water. Leaving the casing in the well will add several hundred dollars to Nettleton & Kellerman's loss, but they have decided upon such action through fear that the walls of the well will become broken by the pressure of water were it removed, thereby flooding the strata despite every effort to "plug it off."

The oil surplus has been taken care of, and quotations about the dollar mark are reported to be growing stronger. The Oil Producers' Trusts claim that they now have the oil product so well under control that their price of \$1 per barrel can be maintained independent of shipments to San Francisco. Carload lots are still being shipped upon orders to points throughout Southern California, and a few shipments are being made into Arizona. It is asserted that the market situation is about as encouraging as could reasonably be desired.

Considerable activity is still noticeable among drillers, but the opinion prevails that development is nearing an end in the local field, and oil men are asking each other "Where can we find new territory?" A great deal of exploitation has been in progress during the past six months, but it has so far resulted in the locating of no new strata.

Odds and ends are being gotten together in the western extension, and the subject of exhausting the water that has seriously interfered with the operation of oil production on Ocean View avenue is being revived. It is believed that in some of the fields in the Eastern States the water was successfully gotten rid of through the operation of heavy pumping machinery.

The same thing may be done here. Such work would be expensive, and further oil development in the western extension holds little promise for the man with limited capital.

If the present activity in the eastern extension continues, drilling operations in the local field will be suspended, except in the Darcy acreage, within forty days. This condition will be forced upon oil developers because of a lack of petroleum territory.

The exterior boundaries of the oil sand are believed to have been reached, with the exception of a possible further extension westward. In the vicinity of Alpine street and its intersection by Ramona and Beaudry avenues. The oil men have been racing these exterior boundaries for several weeks by drilling upon the available lots in the intermediate territory. This work of drilling and the cuttings have apparently progressed to the point of unprofitable development in numerous instances, two wells having been drilled upon a Scott & Loftis were greatly disappointed over the result of their exploitation in the Boyle Heights section of the city, but were not knocked out by that tap upon the solar plexus of their expectations, and are again in the ring ready for another rush. They have erected a derrick and are putting in the drilling machinery at the northeast corner of Beaudry avenue and Alpine street. This site is the farthest westward of any development in the eastern extension, and is apparently pushing hard upon the northern edge of oil strata. Two lots have been secured here, and if oil is uncovered in paying quantities, from two to four wells will be drilled upon them. These lots are separated from the Sisters' Hospital grounds by only the width of the street.

Drilling operations are progressing satisfactorily at Baisley's new site, opposite the intersection of Ramona avenue by New Depot street.

Parker & Fry have their development well under way at the site of well No. 2, at the southeast corner of Ramona avenue and New Depot street. The new pumping plant near by has already begun operations.

Drilling operations are in progress at the new Guitreau site, in the rear of the lots on the north side of Alpine street, opposite the school grounds bounded by Alpine, Centennial and Bartlett streets.

Proudfit & Craig have reached "color" in their new well in the rear of the dwelling at the southeast corner of Ramona avenue and College street. This site is outside of developed oil strata and the result of this exploitation is awaited with more than usual interest. Several wells may be drilled in this territory.

The Rommel Oil Company is still prosecuting the development of its lots on the west side of Pearl street just north of New Depot street. The cottage that occupied a portion of this site has been leveled to Custer avenue, and the grounds are now open for thorough development.

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Bradford Oil Company, Fletcher & Daggett, the Los Angeles Oil Company, Robinson & Summers, the Tex Oil Company and others are putting considerable energy into their development in the vicinity of Pearl and College streets.

The Pennsylvania Oil Company's new well, on the south side of College street, 200 feet west of Adobe street, has been tided and is pumping a heavy flow. This company has already drilled two wells in this territory, and intends developing five more. Tubbs & Evans are drilling two new wells a few feet further south.

Some preparatory work is being done in the Darcy tract for further oil development. Up to this time but five wells have been drilled in this acreage. It is sufficient area for the development of two or three wells located at a distance of 100 feet apart. The new pumping plant is now operating ten or fifteen wells, connection having been made with some of the wells of the Milwaukee Oil Company and the Sloan Oil Company.

Three or four drilling rigs are at work on the east side of Yale street, south of Bernard street. Brookings & Atkins's new well is nearing completion and drilling operations are in progress at the sites of Joyce and Tarnell the well will add several hundred dollars to the Young & Miller, Miller, Nettleton & Kellerman, and the Rex Oil Company. The wells just opened by Green & Whittier are light producers, and the Young & Miller well, tubed the latter part of the week just closed, is said to be producing not more than fifteen barrels a day.

AT THE WEST END.

The drill is making rapid progress at Dr. Lamb's new well in the western extension. Contractor McCray has charge of the work, and has reached a depth of over one thousand feet. Oil sand lies deep in this part of the Los Angeles field, and it is not expected that the petroleum rock will be bared above 1500 feet. This property is situated at the northwest corner of Bonnie Brae street and Ocean View avenue.

Dr. Shaw has returned to the oil fields, after an absence of several months, and is now at work at the site temporarily abandoned by Young & Miller last summer. The seat of operations is about one hundred feet north from well No. 1 of Dr. Lamb's development. Before the development of work alluded to, a depth of 650 feet had been drilled. A heavy flow of water was reached at that depth, and the hole is still full of the unwelcome liquid. A strong effort will be made to reach the petroleum rock, and drill down to oil sand, as several hundred dollars have already been sunk in the hole, and the operators are anxious to recover it, if possible, without too great additional outlay in the uncertain undertaking.

Tom O'Donnell has erected a derrick and is having the drilling machinery put in at the site for a new well on the east side of Bonnie Brae street, 200 feet north of Ocean View avenue. This site is in good oil territory, and is surrounded by producing wells. It is one of the few lots in this locality that has not one or more producing wells upon it. Drilling operations will be begun this week.

The above review of drilling operations includes the sum total of all development in progress in the western extension.

In the old field, or center field, as it is now called, not a drilling rig is in operation. Several hundred wells are still producing small amounts, but not a week passes by without the number being decreased by the abandonment of some well that will no longer pay the expense of pumping operations. But the wells that produce the heavier oils exhaust slowly, and it is not improbable that small quantities will be produced by a considerable number for years to come.

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